

TRAINING TOPICS *

Week of January 29 and subsequent CY 2018 training classes:

- the role of the immigration judge;
- jurisdiction and authorities of an immigration judge;
- identifying and resolving disputes before the court;
- alienage and citizenship;
- non-LPR cancellation of removal;
- LPR cancellation of removal;
- asylum, withholding of removal, and the Convention Against Torture;
- adjustment of status and waivers of inadmissibility
- voluntary departure;
- aggravated felonies, CIMTs, and other criminal immigration issues;
- reliability, credibility, and corroboration;
- determining mental competence
- implementing court mandated safeguards and protections for incompetent respondents
- domestic violence and human trafficking
- fraud and ineffective counsel

Week of February 5 and subsequent CY 2018 training classes:

- conducting a master calendar and docketing cases for hearing;
- case management;
- recording proceedings using DAR
- conducting an initial hearing;
- admissibility and receipt of evidence;
- building an evidentiary record;
- issuing a decision – components and structure of a decision;
- case exercise – structuring and issuing a judicial decision;
- case exercise – refining and issuing a complex judicial decision;
- bond proceedings and custody issues;
- case exercise – conducting a bond proceeding;
- specialized proceedings (credible fear, reasonable fear, withholding-only, asylum-only, claimed status review, rescission, deportation, and exclusion);
- case exercise – conducting specialized proceedings
- managing juvenile dockets;
- effective motions practice;
- IJ tools and resources;
- the Immigration Court Practice Manual;
- what I wish I knew my first day on the bench
- withstanding appellate review

**Adjustments to scheduled trainings the weeks of January 29 and February 5 may be made in limited circumstances based on presenter availability and scheduling necessity.*